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LETTER DATED 7 APRIL 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon the instructions of the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, I convey the following:

The attacks on and shelling of Gorazde by Serbian forces continue as of 1500 hours (Central European Time), 7 April 1994. The Serbian forces have broken into the city in at least one area and there is house to house fighting in the suburb of Vitkovica.

At 1800 hours (Central European Time), 7 April 1994, a cease-fire was arranged throughout the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina through the good offices of UNPROFOR and the Secretary-General's Special Representative. We cannot yet ascertain as to whether the Serbian side is honouring this cease-fire.

The Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina demands that the Serbian offensive be immediately halted and that the Serbians withdraw their forces to the boundary of 30 March 1994 - the boundary of the "safe area" of Gorazde as defined pursuant to United Nations Security Council resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993), as a basis for any further negotiations.

Once again, we request that the Security Council urgently inquire as to why its mandate under resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993) has not been observed in either protecting the "safe area" of Gorazde or in bringing about the cessation of Serbian attacks and the withdrawal to the established boundaries of the safe area of Gorazde.

We also request that the Security Council take action to condemn the commitment of new Serbian forces and weapons that have joined in the attack on Gorazde across the border and to inquire as to why its resolution 838 has not been implemented.

Finally, we believe that the continued Serbian blockage of General Rose's mission to Gorazde is unacceptable, has contributed to the continuing tragedy and death in Gorazde, and is a direct challenge and affront to the Security Council. We firmly believe that General Rose's mission to Gorazde should

proceed, would contribute to the restoration of peace, and allows the Security Council and other relevant factors to respond to the situation in a more informed and prompt manner.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative